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## April Chapter Meeting Tesoro Hawaii's Safety Programs and Initiatives Presentation by Josh Capello on April 20th by Les Onaka

In an industry where an incident could have tremendous negative consequences, the safety program at Tesoro Hawaii's 112-acre site in Campbell Industrial Park needs to cover all the possibilities. Even the emergency response teams must consist of operators familiar with what each pipe contains and where the valve to shut it off is. They need to know the sequence of valve shutoff too because flow to the wrong tank many create unusable products. Tesoro currently operates seven refineries that supply diesel and fuel oil to Hawaiian Electric Company. The refining process also creates naphtha (for gasoline), and kerosene.

The numerous safety programs that Tesoro has in place serve to train all personnel on their site, incorporate safety into their standing instructions and maintain a high level of safety awareness through meetings, audits and other safety activities. Their Triangle of Prevention (TOP) program evaluates near-misses to prevent future reoccurrences.

Tesoro also has an employee safety incentive program called LOKAHI (Looking Onwards, Keeping All Healthy and Industrious). Rewards are based on leading-indicator type of activities such as attending meetings, performing audits and other proactive safety activities. Employees submit monthly

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**Josh Capello from Tesoro Hawai'i discusses the nuances of their Safety Programs**

### A note from the Editor...

When a large global company acquired the company I work for a year and a half ago, I perceived a tremendous opportu-

nity to improve our safety program. We now had divisions throughout the

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## PacRim 2012 Planning Underway

By Les Onaka

Conference Co-Chairpersons **Craig Shoji** and **Mary Silva** have already held three meetings of our Executive Planning Committee for the 2012 Governor's Pacific-Rim Safety and Health Conference in April and May to hammer out the foundation for the conference. To be held next April 16-18 at the Hawai'i Convention Center, we chose the theme the globalization of the safety community due to the increasing movement of our Society in this direction. Marketing Chairperson **Joaquin Diaz** designed the save-the-date business cards to be distributed widely at various meetings and conferences. **Gaylord Yoshimura** will use his contacts from his par-

ticipation in the Society's China delegation and the Hawai'i Convention Center will help with marketing efforts in Asia and the Pacific.

The other members of the Committee include Programs Chairperson **Neil Yamamoto**, Exhibits Chairperson **Joanna Clark**, Sponsorship Chairperson **Mardi Miyamoto**, Facilities Chairperson **Dale Brito**, Moderator Co-Chairpersons **Warren Ando** and **Jason Iwamasa**, Speaker Chairperson **Howard Hendricks**, Awards Chairperson **Les Onaka**, Webmaster **Jim Newberry**, HIOSH Representative **Jennifer Shishido**, Student Section Leader **Lewis Boucher** and AIHA Representative **Jim Peck**. We invite and welcome any and all Chapter members who can spare a couple of hours a week to join in the effort to make PacRim 2012 a memorable event. Please contact Craig, Mary or any committee member if you want to help.

The Chapter gives a great big mahalo to J. W. Glover and **Howard Hendricks** for allowing us to use the outstanding facilities in their training room for our planning meetings. The room provides a quiet place for us to get together to share our thoughts and ideas.



PacRim 2012 Planning Committee members from left to right: Craig Shoji, Howard Hendricks, Joaquin Diaz, Jennifer Shishido, Mary Silve, Joanna Clark, Dale Brito and Neil Yamamoto. The training room at J. W. Glover in Sand Island provides the perfect setting for high-level brain work.

### Joanna Clark Announces the Chapter Officers for 2011-2012

Chapter Past-President and Nominations Committee Chairperson Joanna Clark has announced the officers for the coming year. Beginning on July 1st, our Chapter officers will be:

- ◆ President—**Craig Shoji**
- ◆ Past-President—**Neil Yamamoto**
- ◆ President-Elect—**Howard Hendricks**
- ◆ Treasurer—**Mary Silva**
- ◆ Secretary—**Les Onaka**

### Hawai'i Chapter Member writes in *Professional Safety*

When your May 2011 edition of *Professional Safety* arrives, flip to page 32 and check out the article written by Hawai'i Chapter member **Mike Thompson**. His Best Practice article is entitled "Prevention in a Multigenerational Workplace."



## HIOSH Advisory Committee Meeting May 19, 2011

In its second meeting of 2011, the HIOSH Advisory Committee struggled with the complex issue of building a greater representation of the different private and public sectors at the same time limiting the size of the membership. HIOSH presented their model Membership Composition as food for thought and a sub-committee, made up of Chairperson **Joaquin Diaz**, Vice-Chairperson **Chuck Beneke** and Former Chairperson **Jim Newberry**, that has been working on the issue will present their ideas shortly. HIOSH Administrator Jennifer Shishido began the meeting with updates on HIOSH. Here are some of the points she shared:

- ⇒ Current HIOSH staffing stands at 21, including 13 inspectors (five are trainees) and three consultants, but that this will be the staffing level for the next three years;
- ⇒ An anonymous Complaint Against State Plan Administration (CASPA) received on May 2nd. For the most part the complaints appeared to lack strong evidence to support them. Federal OSHA will not act on anonymous CASPAs;
- ⇒ Some adjustments need to be made to the HIOSH scope of services to gain functionality in lagging areas (three standards are overdue). These include (1) closing the HIOSH library within the next six months, (2) shifting response to telephone calls to greater reliance on the HIOSH website for information, (3) eliminating the certificate of fitness for blasters and pyrotechnic specialists and shifting this to the bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and (4) conducting training only for new standards and directives;
- ⇒ HIOSH has developed a two-tiered priority list for focal activities. The first tier includes backlogged jobs such as work on the standards and mandated directives and in addition, enforcement response to fatalities and serious hazards and accidents. The second tier includes programmed inspections, SHARPS, VPP and outreach programs;
- ⇒ Senate bill 1040 has increased the penalties for HIOSH violations. This may impact the ~\$800,000 collected from citations in 2010;
- ⇒ HIOSH issued a Compliance Guidance for Resi-

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activity sheets that earn them points that may be redeemed for gift cards from various businesses.

Due to their expertise in dealing with gasoline fires, Tesoro also trains personnel from the Honolulu Fire Department to extinguish fires from highly flammable liquids. Their own Emergency Response Brigade (ERB) has 33 members. They are employees with other duties, but should a fire start, they would be the ones to deal with it. With refinery fires respondents need to shut off the right valves in the right order. Unless the valves are shut, fires would continue to burn. For this reason, Tesoro must rely on their ERB rather than the Honolulu Fire Department.

When one considers that Tesoro has the capacity to process up to 95,000 barrels of crude oil a day, there can be little room for error in the operations. All of the safety efforts need to work toward preventing any error in the operations.

## OSHA Update

**Injury and Illness Logs.** In the May 17, 2011 Federal Register, OSHA announced the re-opening of the public record on their proposed column for employer injury and illness logs. They are looking for comments from small businesses about their experiences in recording work-related musculoskeletal disorders and how they believe they would be impacted by OSHA's proposed rule.

**Injury and Illness Prevention Program Webpage.** OSHA still places a high priority on rolling-out this program. To help companies prepare in advance of the standard, OSHA created a webpage with pointers for implementing an effective system for finding and fixing workplace safety and health hazards.

**Picture It!** As part of its 40th anniversary celebration, OSHA invites photographers of all skill levels to capture images of workplace health and safety and submit their entries for judging. Submissions

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must be between May 2nd and August 12, 2011. Winning entries will be displayed on the OSHA Picture It! Photocontest webpage.

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United States, Europe and Australia. I anticipated expanding my safety contacts and borrowing ideas from the vast experience and knowledge of my safety counterparts around the world. I soon discovered that this gigantic safety professional network did not exist and that my counterparts were employees performing collateral duties as designated safety persons.

In April, I listened with envy to Josh Capello describe the Tesoro safety program and the linking of programs of the different Tesoro divisions. Then in May, at the OSHA-One Day workshop at the Koolau Conference Center, I had a chance to speak with Raj Sundram of OSHA's Honolulu Area office and listened with great interest as he described the safety programs in the various parts of the Pacific. These two events made me realize that as Safety Professionals in Hawai'i, we are really doing a lot of things right. We have no need for the global connections I once searched for because we have the ASSE Hawai'i Chapter to bring those connections to us in venues like the PacRim 2012.

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dential Construction (STD 03-11-002) for its inspectors in May 12th. A copy of this may be found on the Chapter website. This will primarily impact roofers. Although it has committed to an early June implementation, HIOSH will try to push this back to July to allow companies more time to comply;

⇒ When OSHA places a company on the Severe Violator List, all of the state plans receive notice and need to check to see if the company has operations in the state of Hawai'i. In the one case so far, the company did not have operations here.

**Jimmy Zane** urged Safety Professionals to use the Hawaii Safety Alliance website {here is the HSA webpage URL with a convenient link to the calendar - <http://sites.google.com/site/safetytraininghawaii/> }

kept updated by **Mary Browne**, to see the schedule of training courses. The Alliance consolidates the training schedules of many organizations (including the ASSE Hawai'i Chapter, Veterans of Safety and Building Industry Association, among others) in one place. Our Chapter website also has a link to this. The newly developed Safety 101 for Small Businesses especially targets employees performing safety and health duties in addition to their regular jobs and is highly relevant for small businesses in the general industry.